

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

The present Continuation application submits new independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2 for examination. These new claims correspond to an arrangement of the invention in which a plurality of memory arrays extend along a first direction and a plurality of sense amplifiers are arranged alternately with respect to the memory arrays arranged in the first direction. Each of the sense amplifiers is connected to bit lines of the memory arrays to form an open bit line type semiconductor memory. In accordance with the claimed invention, two memory arrays at end portions of the memory arrays are both selected together, whereas a memory array in an inner portion of the memory arrays is selected independently. As such, it is respectfully submitted that newly presented claims 1-3 are allowable over the cited prior art from the parent applications, and also define a separate a patentable invention from the claims of the parent application. Therefore, examination and allowance of newly presented claims 1-3 is earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

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